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SUBJ: PROPOSED NEW VOA TRANSMITTERS FOR SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 296146

WE HAD A FRUITFUL VISIT WITH HANS TUCH. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED TUCH TO CONVEY TO PETER STRAUSS THE EMBASSY'S POSITION THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SRI LANKA WAS INSUFFICIENTLY STABLE TO JUSTIFY THE INVESTMENT OF SOME \$15 MILLION IN FOUR VOA TRANSMITTERS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE READY FOR BUSINESS FOR 5-6 YEARS. TUCH ACCEPTED THIS JUDGEMENT, THOUGH HE COULD NOT HIDE HIS ENVY OF THE WEST GERMAN RADIO AND AN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS NETWORK WHICH ARE HAPPILY EXPANDING THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE. HE ACCEPTED WITHOUT CAVIL OUR DESCRIPTION OF THE MALDIVES AS POLITICALLY AN EVEN MORE VOLATILE PLACE, NOT SUITABLE FOR VOA INVESTMENT. WE HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF DIEGO GARCIA WITHOUT ANY CONCLUSION SINCE BOTH TUCH AND OURSELVES ARE NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT REAL ESTATE PROBABILITIES THERE - AND DOD APPARENTLY NOT SEEKING CIVILIAN TENANTS.
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